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Met with Chairman David Henderson, 3. Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, regarding S. 782 (Ervin bill) and delivered to him our formal response to his request for a statement of the Agency's position on this legislation. Henderson said he hoped to hold hearings in the near future, but was not sure whether he could get his Subcommittee together by 8 July. He said he personally had expected not to hold hearings but hearings had been requested by the Civil Service Commission and he would leave the decision up to the Subcommittee members. He explained that pressure from Senator Ervin left him no alternative but to report out the bill, since he couldn't afford to have Ervin spread the word around North Carolina that Henderson had buried it. However, Henderson repeated his assurances that he personally would insist on a full exemption for CIA, NSA and the FBI. He said the letters from Chairmen Mahon and Rivers requesting exemption for the Agency had been received and they were very helpful. Henderson believes that we can win an exemption in the House, but there may be trouble when the bill goes to conference between House and Senate, especially since the House conferees may not be members of the Henderson Subcommittee and may not be familiar with some of the details.

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25X1 25X1 GLC) Talked with regarding Mr. Maury's most recent conversation with Representative David Henderson (D., N.C.), on the PRU cases. I told Shaffer that 25X1 25X1 25X1 - LLM) Called General 13. Counsel, NSA, in the interest of keeping him abreast of developments on the Ervin bill, S. 782, and brought him up to date on several matters, including the Hampton letter, the transmittal of Agency views, and the 25X1 Henderson Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Wednesday. was particularly pleased that Chairman Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, had included specific reference to NSA in his letter to Chairman Henderson. 25X1 - LLM) Called Robert Hull, Department of State, and asked if he could provide us with a copy of the Department's letter to Chairman Henderson, House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, on the Ervin bill, which he said he would be glad to do. 25X1 LLM) Called Theodore Kazy, Senior Staff 15. Assistant, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and told him that the Agency's views on the Ervin bill had been delivered to Chairman Henderson's office today and that it was substantially similar to the draft reviewed with him on 23 June. Kazy thanked us for keeping him up to date and said he thought there would be no problem to get a copy of our report. He told me of the Henderson Subcommittee's meeting scheduled for Wednesday and said there were rumors that the Subcommittee might consider 25X1 introducing its own bill, although he has not seen a copy. 25X1 LLM) Picked up a copy of the 16. transcript from House Internal Security Committee which was forwarded to SB Division for review, edit and return.

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